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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to an Election/Restriction Requirement dated February 5, 2002, Paper No. 5, Applicants elect with traverse Invention 1, claims 1 through 42, drawn to an introducer for positioning expandable endovascular prosthesis. Applicants also elect with traverse Species 1 indicated by the Examiner as including FIGs. 1 through 8. Applicants submit that FIGs 1 through 8 and 9 through 12 define Species 1. As indicated in the Specification, FIGs. 9 through 12 show portions of the introducer indicated in the first embodiment depicted in FIG 1. Applicants further indicate without prejudice that claims 1 - 11, 14, 15, and 17 - 42 read on Species 1 depicted in FIGs 1 - 8 and 9 - 12.

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The examination and consideration of this application is respectfully requested, and it is further requested that the application be passed to issue.

Although the foregoing discussion is believed to be dispositive of the issues in this case, applicants' attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner to further discuss any unresolved issues remaining after the Examiner's consideration of this Election Requirement.

Also enclosed is a Petition and Fee For Extension of Time (one month).

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